

City of Round Rock
Special Called City Joint City Council/Planning & Zoning Meeting
March 30, 2010

The Round Rock City Council, and Planning and Zoning Commission met in a Special Called Joint Work Session on Tuesday, March 30, 2010, in the City Council Chamber, 221 E. Main Street.

CALL SESSION TO ORDER – 11:00 A.M.

Mayor McGraw called the session to order at 11:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Those members present from the City Council were, Mayor Alan McGraw, Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Clifford, Councilmember Rufus Honeycutt, Councilmember George White, Councilmember Carlos T. Salinas, Councilmember John Moman and Councilmember Kris Whitfield. Those members present from the Planning and Zoning Commission were Chairperson Al Kosik, Vice Chairperson Sandy Arnold, Commissioner Dale Austin, Commissioner Bob Bennett, Commissioner Peter Drapes, Commissioner Celeste Lesmeister, Commissioner Michael Morales, Commissioner David Pavliska, and Commissioner Larry Yawn. Also present were City Manager Jim Nuse and City Attorney Steve Sheets.

PRESENTATIONS:

3A. Consider a presentation and discussion regarding the Draft of the Downtown Master Plan.

Mayor McGraw started the session and asked all Council and Commission members introduced themselves and then the Mayor began an introduction of the Downtown Master Plan and his thoughts on the plan and why it is needed.

Mr. Kosik gave an introduction and said that there are four things important to the Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to the plan and why it's important to have a plan in place regarding future planning and zoning and infrastructure.

The Mayor stated that the plan for the meeting is to start at the high 90,000-foot level and drill down from there. Jim Nuse, City Manager took over the presentation and started with the mission of the plan and went through an exercise that the Council and Planning and Zoning will take place in and rank the catalytic projects based on what they feel is most important to least important.

The mission of the plan was the first discussion item and members discussed changes to the mission that they would like to see and briefly worked on some rewording. Will Hampton, Communication Director then went over the aims of the master plan and asked for input from all members throughout the discussion. He stated that this is a long term, large-scale development plan.

Next, they moved on to the "Planning principles" section and discussed that some professional planning terms currently included need to be removed to make it more understandable to the public and anyone else reading the plan. Mr. Hampton talked on to the walk-ability and transit-orientation

principle and discussion revolved around the "transit" portion and what the intent is of that statement.

Councilmember Salinas felt like the plan was more focused on mobility rather than transit. Mr.

Hampton moved on to historic preservation, responsibility to the environment and the emphasis on

enduring design and quality materials. Commissioner Lesmeister questioned whether the planning

principle regarding historic preservation and urban block network were cohesive or two separate items.

It was discussed to add "original" before the "urban block network" portion of that statement. Next

Mr. Hampton moved on to the primary strategies and each one was discussed. Concern arose around

the word "hierarchically" when referring to the differentiation of streets and neighborhoods. All other

strategies listed were discussed and then the catalytic projects were discussed and ranked by members

of the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.

There was some discussion regarding two of the catalytic projects and whether they should be split into two different projects.

Mayor McGraw explained that plan for the work session is to go through all the projects, mark preferences and then discuss where to go from here.

Will Hampton, Communication Director covered each catalytic project and what each entail.

Members of both governmental bodies used stickers provided to them to rank the catalytic projects in order of importance to them.

The results of the ranking will not be included in the downtown master plan, but only used for discussion purposes.

City Manager Jim Nuse reviewed the rankings by both governmental bodies.

Mayor McGraw asked Councilmember Honeycutt to discuss "what it looks like when we get there", not necessarily how we get there. Discussion then turned to the implementation of the plan.

Wording changes will be made to the document and brought back to both the Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor McGraw expressed how much he liked this format and meeting with the Planning and zoning Commission and thinks it should be done more often. Chairperson Kosik stated that it is very beneficial to the P&Z to have Council input on items they are working on.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara L. White, City Secretary